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CHEMICAL WARFARE CHARGES CALLED SLANDER, LIES

LD100650 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0415 GMT 10 Mar 82

[By BAKHTAR political observer]

[Text] Kabul, 9 March (BAKHTAR) -- Reagan and his accomplices in the White House, Pentagon and CIA, the devilish propaganda machine of the imperialist, the politicians of the capitalist world have recently joined hands in unleashing a fresh wave of slander and lies against Afghanistan and the Government of the DRA.

This time they have resorted to the most shameless and unfounded lies and slanders invented by the Pentagon and the CIA and their lackeys.

It is for some months that the United States, its devilish lie fabricating machine and evil mass media are telling big lies and making unfounded allegations, as if the DRA Armed Forces have used chemical weapons in their fight against the counterrevolutionaries in Afghanistan. We are very well acquainted with these lies and slanders. After the victory of the April Revolution, especially in its new evolutionary phase, we have been experiencing these slanders and accusations.

But, this time when the imperialist propaganda machine has run out of its fuel and is now trumpetting another concocted story about revolutionary Afghanistan, we are forced to present the facts to the people of the world to expose the ugly face of these enemies who, under the screen of false sympathies with our people, are harboring malicious designs.

Let us ask: What is the aim of these lies and concoctions? And who are those whose hands are stained with the most dreadful, inhuman and brutal criminal acts, i.e., the use of chemical and biological weapons, nerve gases which have paralyzing effects on man, napalm bombs and others? And who are the ones who are producing and stockpiling thousands of tons of these weapons in their arsenals?

It is not fortuitous that the criminal United States has chosen to launch this wave of accusations at this time against Afghanistan. It was just the last month that President Reagan presented a bill to the Congress in which he demanded from the Congress the resumption of the production and stockpiling of chemical weapons in addition to the hundreds of thousands tons of these weapons which are at present stored in the arsenals.

On the basis of the facts and figures and according to the confessions of the rulers of the White House and Pentagon, one can say that America even now has more than 150,000 tons of chemical weapons, 3 million warheads containing chemical weapons, tens of thousands of chemical bombs, hundreds of thousands of mines containing chemical material stockpiled in the United States soil and on the territory of the FRG.

At present, the Pentagon has proposed to icrease the total number of the American warheads containing chemical materials form 3 million to 5 million, and to substitute the old chemical weapons with the most modern types of this inhuman weapon. To achieve this, the Pentagon has allocated a sum of 4 to 10 billion dollars in the budget of the coming years.

Also, to conduct research for the development of the new types of this dreadful weapon, America has alloted another 2,500 million dollars. In this connection we can go on increasing the list and mention tens and hundreds of other staggering figures spent for this purpose.

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PRC MILITARY DELEGATION MEETS WITH SATTAR

BK121137 Dacca Domestic Service in English 0835 GMT 12 Mar 82

[Text] The visiting eight-member Chinese military good-will delegation led by Liu Huaqing, deputy general chief of staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army [PLA] called on President Sattar at Banga Bhavan this morning. Members of the delegation, which include (?Lin Shen), deputy chief of naval staff of People's Liberation Army, and [name indistinct] deputy chief of air staff of PLA, stayed with the president for some time and discussed matters of mutual interest. The Chinese ambassador to Bangladesh Liu Shujing was also present on the occasion. The Chinese good-will delegation is leaving for home this afternoon at the end of its visit to Bangladesh.

INDUSTRIES MINISTER RETURNS FROM ROMANIA

BK150910 Dacca Domestic Service in English 0835 GMT 15 Mar 82

[Text] Bangladesh is to receive a credit of $580 million from Romania to develop and expand its small-scale industrial sectors in the country. This was stated by Industries Minister Prof Yusuf Ali on his return home today from Romania after a 6-day official visit. He said the credit will be used for setting up small workshops for textile spinning mills, spare parts for textile mills, readymade garments, knitwear factory, PVC complex by using natural gas, drilling rigs, a poultry complex and a modern furniture complex. Romania will also provide technical know-how for these projects.

ALLEGATION AGAINST INDIAN ENVOY INVESTIGATED

BK121617 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1255 GMT 12 Mar 82

[Text] A government handout issued in Dacca today said that detailed investigation has been held into the allegation that the Indian high commissioner and his security guard assaulted the driver of the National Security Intelligence car and abused him [word indistinct] on the 25th of last month. The handout says as a result of the investigation, however, the allegation of the high commissioner threatening, assaulting and abusing the driver could not be established.

However, the driver of the high commissioner's car and his security guard were involved in the incident. Accordingly, the Indian High Commission has sent them out of Bangladesh, the handout added.

BOMB EXPLOSION IN DACCA HOUSE WOUNDS FIVE

BK170657 Hong Kong AFP in English 0641 GMT 17 Mar 82

[Text] Dacca, 17 Mar (AFP) -- Four women and a boy were wounded in an explosion that badly damaged a Dacca house late last night, police said today. The house was allegedly used for the illegal making of bombs and explosives and the explosion took place shortly after police arrested five young men from the house on charges of manufacturing bombs without authorisation. The wounded women and boy were hospitalised. Police cordoned off the house and surrounding areas immediately after the explosion to conduct a search. Police said several bombs including a live grenade and a home-made gun were found in an open field near the house.

The Bengali daily DAINIK BANGLA quoted a high police official as saying that the explosion occurred as live bombs were being moved elsewhere from the house after the arrest.

Two of the women were in a critical condition following the explosion. They were said to be watching television in a room of the house.

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LD220654 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0430 GMT 22 Mar 82

[Text] Kabul, 21 Mar (BAKHTAR) -- Mr. Reagan, the president of the United States of America, completed his farce of the so-called Day of Solidarity with Afghanistan with the presidential communique published by the U.S. presidency.

The BAKHTAR news agency strongly condemns and denounces the irresponsible statements of Mr. Reagan included in the presidential communique and reveals it as another example of the lies, slanders and interference in the internal affairs of an independent and freeborn Afghanistan.

Why the present moment has been chosen by Reagan and his accomplices for such a farce staged by him? It is due to several reasons. Firstly, shattering and crushing blows have been inflicted to the counter-revolution. Secondly, the people of Afghanistan are forging ahead for the construction of a new and prosperous society and the enemies of Afghanistan can not bear to see the spectacular successes being scored every day by the people of Afghanistan under the leadership of the PDPA. Thirdly, the revolutionary strength of the people is being ever further strengthened and consolidated and the prestige and credibility of the DRA are being increased day by day in the international arena. Fourthly, Reagan and his Chinese and European accomplices are faced with the paucity of misleading propaganda materials against Afghanistan. Thus, they staged the farce of the so-called Day of Solidarity with Afghanistan in order to offer them a chance to set in motion a new wave of hostile and slanderous propaganda against the independent and revolutionary Afghanistan.

The presidential communique was another example of the explicit intervention to the internal affairs of independent Afghanistan by the United States. In the comprehensive telecast speech delivered by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of Revolutionary Council of the DRA, on the eve of the Afghan new year, 1361, it is said that Reagan, the president of the U.S.A. has lately tried to give a new dimension to his aggressive strategy against the DRA under the title of the so-called Afghanistan Day. These attempts are a part of the policy of aggression and intervention in the internal affairs of our free and independent country, the revolutionary Afghanistan.

A part of the message issued by the National Committee of the NFF of the DRA on the eve of the new Afghan year, 1361, says in this regard that the main objective of such a ludicrous and childish show is to conceal the undeniable fact of shameful interference made by the U.S. imperialism in our internal affairs and the diversion of the public opinion from the imperialist policy, pressure, military and political penetration and the open aggression and interferences carried on by Reagan.

Mr. Reagan in the presidential communique has demgagocially shed corcodile tears over the rights of Afghanistan. We ask from Mr. Reagan that are you, Mr. Reagan, not number one responsible person for all the crimes committed by the counter-revolution in Afghanistan. Are not the counter-revolutionaries armed, militarily trained, financed and sent to Afghanistan by you for all kinds of subversive activities? We address to Mr. Reagan, say whatever you want to say, but, we the people of Afghanistan are traversing the invincible and indomitable path of revolution and prosperity, that is: The path of the construction of a new and just society with firm and irreversible will and determination.

We conclude the commentary with what was mentioned in this connection in the speech of Babrak Karmal on the eve of the Afghan new year. "I would like to elucidate once again that Mr. Reagan and his likes can not or do not want to understand that the life has nullified the sum total of the efforts launched by the counter-revolution. Our people will carry forward the holy banner of the struggle for the cause of creating a new society led by the PDPA and those who desire to obstruct our path of humane and sacred struggle are doomed to complete failure."

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BK260428 Dacca Domestic Service in Bengali 0100 GMT 26 Mar 82

[Text] The independence and national day is being celebrated throughout the country today in a fitting manner. On this day in 1971 the people waged the liberation war to free the country from the occupation forces and gained independence after 9 months of struggle that cost millions of lives.

In a nationwide broadcast over radio and television last night, Chief Martial Law Administrator Lt Gen Hussain Mohammad Ershad said that a massive campaign has been launched on all fronts to save the nation from corruption and to restore law and order at all levels. He said that the martial law administration is firmly determined to wipe out the unholy machinations of the corrupt and vested interests not only in the administrative and production sectors but also in other fields of national life.

General Ershad said that in order to assuage the anger and indignation of the people we are taking realistic and effective steps against these hated, selfish and corrupt elements. All government agencies have been instructed to take legal action against the criminals without fear or favor. He called upon the people to extend full cooperation and support to the martial law administration so as to free the nation from disappointment and despair.

General Ershad said our political independence was achieved after many sacrifices but this independence will be meaningless without the economic emancipation of the masses. We have to achieve the dream of making a self-reliant and self-respecting nation. We have to make great strides to bring smiles to the faces of the common masses of the people.

He briefly recalled the circumstances which led to the promulgation of martial law in the country and said various members of the patriotic armed forces (?inspired) with their national responsibility and duty shared by the patriotic people [words indistinct] responsibility in every sphere of national life. On this day 11 years ago the whole nation engaged in a united struggle against a foreign overlord's troops and its agents. In the bloody war of independence the people made great sacrifices and did not hesitate to lay down their lives for the freedom of the people. [passage indistinct]

United struggle against atrocities is one of our national characteristics. This has been demonstrated several times in the past and, God willing, if the need arises, the whole nation will come forward with the same spirit to contain any situation in the future.

General Ershad called for rising above all narrow and selfish interests and to come forward to safeguard the interests of the nation. We have to make a correct appraisal of our goal of national development and move forward with self-analysis and rectification. We must move ahead toward building the country and consolidating our independence and sovereignty inspired by the noble spirit of the war of independence. He said: I am firmly convinced that the whole nation will be able to successfully face this challenge with united efforts, honesty and dedication no matter how formidable the obstacles.

General Ershad expressed his gratitude to almighty allah for the courage and strength with which the patriotic armed forces came forward to safeguard and consolidate national independence and sovereignty. He paid glowing tribute to the memory of the valiant sons of the soil who laid down their lives for a future of freedom and dignity.

CMLA LIMITS OFFICIAL SEMINARS, TRAVEL ABROAD

BK251739 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 25 Mar 82

[Text] The chief martial law administrator [CMLA] issued two martial law orders tonight. Martial Law Order No 1 [number as heard] says there shall be a complete ban on holding of seminars or workshops whatsoever organized by any government, semigovernment, autonomous organizations and sector corporation without prior written permission of the chief martial law administrator or any officer authorized by him.

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